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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on February 15, 2002,
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-5 and 7). Moreover
Applicants hereby elect soluble LT- β -R for prosecution with traverse.

Applicants submit that an antibody to lymphotoxin- β -receptor and a lymphotoxin- β -receptor/Ig fusion protein are members of a single genus of invention, namely an antagonist to the lymphotoxin- β -receptor (i.e. LT- β -R blocking agent). Applicants respectfully request that the species be rejoined.

Concurrently filed herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time along with the required fee, making a response due May 15, 2002.

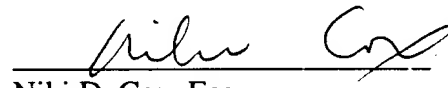
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If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned at (617)-679-2079.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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